**3rd virtual Flagship Meeting Feeds & Forages – April 26 2017**

***Meeting minutes***

**Participants:**

Michael Peters

Valheria Castiblanco

Barbara Rischkowsky

Uwe Ohmstedt

Alan Duncan

Jane Wamatu

Chris Jones

Iddo Dror

Stefan Burkart

**Excused:**

Nicoline de Haan

Udo Rüdiger

Michael Blümmel

Wouter Kleijn

Tom Randolph

Ewa Wredle

**Agenda:**

* Flagship revision and ISPC comments: define what has to be done for the resubmission of the proposal, define responsibilities, define timeline, define external reviewers
* General developments and news

**What has to be done for Flagship resubmission based on the ISPC comments:**

Michael Peters and Stefan Burkart prepared a summary of the ISPC main critics and a way forward on how the Flagship should address these issues before resubmission. Additional points that came up during the meeting to be worked on:

1. The involvement of the private sector partners needs to be demonstrated stronger
2. Stronger links with innovation systems required
3. Stronger links to the demand necessary
4. Better attention to an evidence based approach
5. Addressing the comments on smallholder versus sector approach, e.g. including the commercial part
6. The rationale needs to be improved, the smallholder focus needs to be clearer
7. The flagship needs to sell a cohesive and comprehensive story including final editing by a native speaker

Michael Peters mentioned that some of the points above were also criticized by the donors.

**Responsibilities: Assignment of writing and revision tasks**

* Introduction and Background: Michael Peters and Stefan Burkart
* Cluster 1: Alan Duncan (with help from Chris Jones, Michael Blümmel, Michael Peters and one person from ICARDA tbd)
* Cluster 2: Chris Jones and Valheria Castiblanco (with help from Michael Blümmel on food-feed crop breeding and one person from ICARDA tbd)
* Cluster 3: Michael Blümmel (with help from Jane Wamatu and Chris Jones)
* Cluster 4: Udo Rüdiger and Stefan Burkart (with help from Uwe Ohmstedt)
* CapDev: Iddo Dror. Iddo mentioned the SIF for CadDev needs assessment. No clarity yet on the decisions but approval is being estimated for the week from 8-12 May (PMC meeting)
* Gender: Nicoline de Haan. Also worthwhile to take the SIF as an input
* Youth: Wouter Kleijn. Same comment on SIF
* ToC: Catch up with Jane Poole once we have an advanced draft of the document. Combine this with M&E. Cross check with the ToC documents developed during the Eschborn meeting (Sep 2016)
* Final editing and storytelling: Alan Duncan

**Timeline:**

April 9: reviews done (ready)

April 20: reviews compiled and circulated; flagship leader, PMC provide recommendations for revising the flagship (as talking points) (ready)

April 24-27: Meeting(s) held to agree how to respond to the ISPC comments and the implications for the flagship presentation; writing assignments agreed: probably most efficient to do this as a couple of virtual meetings rather than having everyone travel, but possibly to link to ILRI/CG feed & forage strategy convening (ready)

May 9: revised flagship sections drafted (possibly to be extended to 12th of May, coinciding with the Global Agenda meeting)

Week 8-12 May: The idea is to have a side meeting during the Global Agenda Meeting to discuss the advances made (likely present Alan Ducan, Chris Jones, Michael Blümmel, Jane Wamatu, Tom Randolph, Iddo Dror, Barbara Rischkowky, Michael Peters)

After Global Agenda Meeting: Final editing (Alan Duncan)

May 19: final draft circulated for review (external reviewers, PMC, IMC, BoT?)

May 31: Submitted

**External reviewers:**

**Were discussed and a suggestion will be made to the CRP management**

Michael Peters to send an Email to Tom Randolph for further follow up (done)

**Documents to be shared:**

Notes from the September 2016 Flagship meeting in Eschborn

Summary of the comments from ISPC prepared by Michael Peters and Stefan Burkart

Word file of the Feeds & Forages Flagship proposal

Stefan Burkart will create a google doc with the Feeds & Forages Flagship proposal where all flagship members can simultaneously work on their revision and make their contributions. Responsibility for the respective clusters belongs to the cluster leaders (Alan Duncan, Chris Jones, Michael Blümmel, Udo Rüdiger)

**Other points discussed:**

* Udo Rüdiger will continue as interim Cluster 4 leader. Later on the cluster lead will be passed on to Uwe Ohmstedt
* CIAT’s SoFT 2 proposal is in the final stage and waiting for approval
* The BMZ/ACIAR Gap Funding for the Feeds and Forages Flagship is under final revision by the respective administrations. We expect approval for the first week of May.